

12/12/2006

To: Heather Dixon, Media Aide
Office of Chairman Martin, FCC

Re: MB 05-311

Dear Ms. Dixon,

My name is Drew Shaffer. I am the Cable TV Director for the City of Iowa City, Iowa City, Iowa.

I am writing about MB 05-311 on video franchising. The following are the City's concerns:

1. The City believes the changes being proposed over-step the FCC's authority. The City believes such changes to the law should be made by Congress, not the FCC.
2. The proposed rule eliminates incentive for providers to negotiate in good faith. If the City and the provider do not come to an agreement in 90 days the new provider can proceed without an agreement. This provides no incentive for the provider to agree to any City concerns, interests or needs.
3. The proposed rule reduces the support for PEG, institutional networks and other in-kind services from that allowed by current Federal law. The City does not support such reductions.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I can be reached at 319-356-5046 or drew-shaffer@iowa-city.org

Sincerely,

Drew Shaffer, Cable TV Director
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